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Rhode Island Infantry. 7th regt. 1862-1865.
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Seventh Regiment
Rhode Island Volunteers

Exhibition
of the
Vicksburg Statue

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Exercises on the grounds
of the
Gorham Manufacturing Company

Saturday, March 28
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[From the address of welcome by the Hon. Abraham Payne, June, 13, 1865.]

"Soldiers of the Seventh Rhode Island :

"No words can express the welcome which the nation triumphant and at peace extends to you. . . . Hereafter it shall be praise enough for any common man that he fought with Grant at Vicksburg and reopened the Father of Waters to commerce and civilization . . . To borrow the words of Mr. Lincoln at Gettysburg, 'What we say to you is of small consequence, but what you have done for us is of imperishable value.' "

Our "Seventh Rhode Island" banner,
How gallantly it waved
O'er boys in blue, with hearts so true,
Who fought, our land to save.

How bright was all its gleaming
In those eventful days,
Mid battle's stroke, where clouds of smoke
Obscured the sun's bright rays.

From Spottsylvania's meadows
To distant Vicksburg's shore,
Its stars shone bright in many a fight,
Till ceased the battle's roar.

And now its tattered form repeats,
In faded red and blue,
The story old, of soldiers bold,
Whose hearts were brave and true.

— Charles W. Hopkins.

Order of Exercises

Address by

Col. DANIEL R. BALLOU

Past Department Commander, R. I., G. A. R.

Other Speakers

His Excellency JAMES H. HIGGINS

Governor of Rhode Island

His Honor P. J. McCARTHY

Mayor of the City of Providence

Mr. FRANK EDWIN ELWELL

Sculptor

Judge NATHAN B. LEWIS, President of the Seventh Rhode Island Veteran Association, will preside

Music by the Veteran Musicians of the Seventh Regiment, Rhode Island Veterans

JAMES CARPENTER

FRANCIS B. HOLLAND

Rhode Island State Commission

Judge NATHAN B. LEWIS, Chairman

WILLIAM P. HOPKINS, Secretary

ELISHA C. KNIGHT

Charles W. Hopkins, Secretary
Seventh R. I. Veteran Assoc.



" The flag "

Bronze Statue — Height 11 feet
Frank Edwin Elwell, Sculptor
Gorham Manufacturing Company, Founders

"There is no man or body of men whose congratulations could be more prized by me than those of the Seventh Rhode Island."— Z. R. BLISS (Major-General U. S. A.), Aug. 13, 1896.

**Brief Summary of Service of the Seventh Regiment
Rhode Island Volunteers in the Civil War
Col. ZENAS R. BLISS, Commanding**

1862

- Sept. 6 Regiment mustered into United States service at Camp Bliss, Cranston, R. I.
- 10 Departed for the seat of war.
- 12 Arrived at Washington, D. C.
- Oct. 4 Camped on Maryland Heights
- 27 Left Pleasant Valley, Md., and crossed the Potomac into Virginia.
- Nov. 15 Repulsed Confederate attack at White Sulphur Springs, Va.
- Dec. 13. Battle of Fredericksburg.

1863

- Feb. 9 Left Fredericksburg for Newport News.
- Mar. 25 Left Newport News for Kentucky.
- 31 Arrived at Lexington, Ky.
- Apr. and May. Kentucky Campaign.
- June 4 Left Crab Orchard, Ky., for Vicksburg, Miss.
- 17 Arrived at Haines Bluff, rear of Vicksburg.
- July 4 Surrender of Vicksburg.
- 13 Battle of Jackson, Miss.
- Aug. 8 Left Mississippi.
- 16 Arrived at Cairo, Ill.
- Aug. 23 Arrived at Lexington, Ky.
- Dec. 24 Left Lexington.

1864

- Jan. 1 At Hall's Gap, Ky.

1864

- Jan. 5 Arrived at Point Isabella, Cumberland River, Ky.
- Mar. 27 Left Point Isabella.
- Apr. 7 Arrived at Annapolis, Md.
- 23 Left Annapolis.
- 28 Rejoined Army of Potomac.
- May 12 to 18 Battle of Spottsylvania.
- 25 Battle of North Anna.
- June 2 Battle of Bethesda Church.
- 3 Battle of Cold Harbor.
- 17 Assault on Petersburg.
- July 30 Explosion of mine.
- Aug. 19 Battle of Weldon Railroad.
- Sept. 30 Battle of Poplar Spring Church.
- Nov. 29 to Apr. 3, 1865. Fort Sedgwick ("Fort Hell"), under constant fire.

1865

- Apr. 3 Petersburg evacuated by confederates.
- 10 Arrival at Farmville, Va. News of Lee's surrender.
- 29 Arrived at Mt. Pleasant, near Arlington Heights, Va.
- May 23 Grand Review at Washington, D. C.
- June 9 Mustered out of service at Mt. Pleasant.
- 10 Left for Providence, R. I.
- 13 Arrived at Providence. Enthusiastic reception and banquet.
- 21 Final assembly, payment made and men discharged.

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